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God Save Devaraja Market

A file photo of the collapsed portion of Devaraja Market North Gate entrance. The structure collapsed on Aug. 28, 2016.

By K.B. Ganapathy
Senior Journalist

Mysuru, Aug. 16- The royal city of Mysuru has many historical and cultural structures that include Palaces and public buildings and also massive ornate royal arches spread all over the city. Unfortunately, due to decades of neglect in maintaining them, either by the PWD or the Department concerned, these heritage structures are now dilapidated and in danger of collapsing. Some of them have been abandoned, but no administrative action has been taken either to renovate and restore or to demolish them.

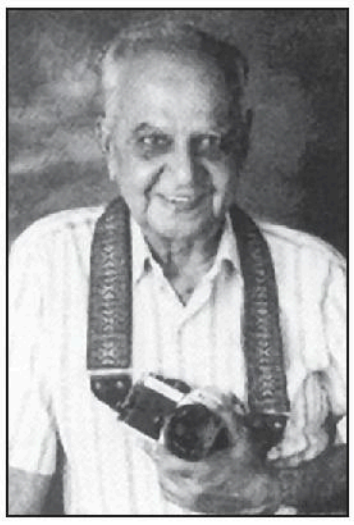
Some of these buildings are still being occupied by the reluctant tenants at the urging of their patrons, who go by different names like patrons of heritage buildings or the saviours of the poor, helpless shopkeepers, etc.

However, all these do-gooders forget one most important aspect in dealing with these old heritage public buildings that are located mainly in downtown areas with heavy density of people. The apprehension that is haunting the people, who are occupying these buildings and the public who go there as customers or to transact business, is that they might lose their lives or limbs, should these buildings collapse during their presence there. That was what happened earlier in the case of Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building.

It is surprising that in these days of advanced technology in the area of building construction, some of the social activists keep clamouring to conserve and preserve these heritage buildings neglected all through their existence and beyond repair or conservation.

(See MARKET on page 5)

Remembering T.S. Satyan



T.S. Satyan

On the occasion of the birth centenary of T.S. Satyan, one of India's foremost photo-journalists, the Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), #22, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru, has arranged an exhibition of some of his great works. The expo, aptly titled *'With great ease: The photography of T.S. Satyan,'* was opened on Aug. 12, 2023.

Born on Dec. 18, 1923 at Mysuru, T.S. Satyan is important for we Mysureans as a legend in his own lifetime and later in his sunset days, he came back to settle down in Mysuru and also passed away in his beloved city on Dec. 13, 2009.

Therefore, *Star of Mysore* is proud to recall T.S. Satyan's achievements and his last days in Mysuru by publishing the articles written by Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* K.B. Ganapathy and its Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna.

Both K.B. Ganapathy and Vikram Muthanna attended the opening of the exhibition on Aug. 12 at 5.30 pm at MAP in Bengaluru where a number of friends and admirers of T.S. Satyan had gathered.

The expo will be open for visitors till Nov. 20, 2023.

(See SATYAN on page 7)

To Our Readers

*Turn to Page-6 for 'In Black & White' column by Vikram Muthanna titled **"A Gentleman from Mysore,"** which was published in **SOM** on Dec. 19, 2009. —**Ed***

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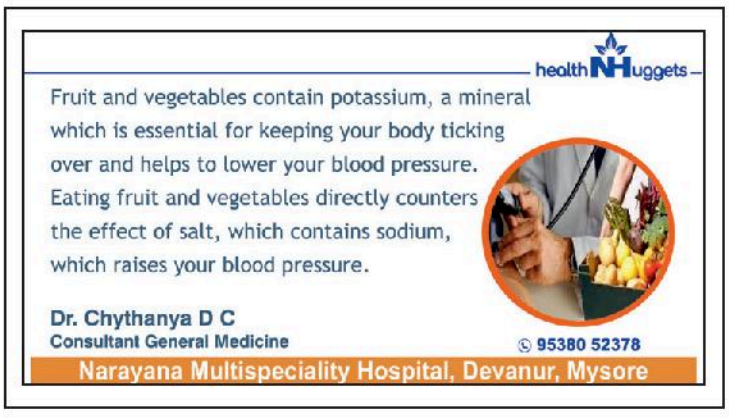
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 16th August 2023

Shravanamasa discourse at Suttur Mutts from today

Mysuru, Aug.16- Shravanamasa discourse and Pujanushtana programme will take place at Suttur Mutt premises, Chamundi foothills here from Aug.17 to Sep.15.

Special pujas will be held in the mornings and mass prayers from 6 pm to 6.30 pm every day. Dr. K. Anantharamu will deliver discourse from Aug.17 to 26 and Sept.6 to 15 while Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna will deliver discourse from Aug. 27 to Sept.5.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra will inaugurate the programme at 6 pm on Aug.17 in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Mariyala Murugharajendra Mutt Seer Immadi Murugharajendra Swamiji. MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff will preside.

At Suttur Srikshetra

The Shravanamasa Pujanaushtana and discourse will take place at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk from Aug.16 to Sept.14.

There will be mass prayers between 6.30 pm and 7 pm, followed by discourse on all the days.

SP Seema Latkar will inaugurate the event today at 6.30 pm in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Kunduru Betta Sri Rasa Siddeshwara Mutt (Malavalli taluk) Seer Nanjunda Swamiji. ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri will preside.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Every locality in our cities and towns is virtually under siege by packs of dogs whose ferocity and aggressiveness during night hours cause serious concern. They virulently chase and attack competing pack members, other animals, people travelling in cycles and vehicles — in short — any moving object. Horrendous instances are regularly reported of stray dogs mauling children, wounding adults or going on biting sprees. Many urban local bodies are initiating a garbage collection system through mobile vans: the resultant non-availability of food for street dogs makes them more ferocious and aggressive. There is no denying that with increased urbanisation, the menace of street dogs shall exponentially increase, given the apathetic attitude of all stakeholders. This will expose the citizens, especially the old, the young, the sick and the infirm, to grave dangers. Hence, it is time for us to take an unequivocal policy decision mandating that streets are surely not the abodes of dogs.

Many Western countries have a clear-cut policy: dogs are loved like their children but confined to their homes. They cannot be left to roam the streets. If abandoned, the authorities take them to dog pounds, where they need to be adopted within a short period. Otherwise, they will be euthanised to create space for others. We should consider having a similar policy decision: streets are not meant for dogs. Municipal authorities must have adequate dog shelters to house street dogs. A window for adoption must be allowed for dog lovers, after which depending on age, aggression and other traits, the animals need to be culled painlessly. The cost of running dog shelters and carrying out euthanasia will be cheaper than sterilisation and anti-rabies treatment.

This will be the real method to prevent animal cruelty: without this, street dogs face the serious risk of grave retribution at the hands of citizens, who have no other means of escaping from their ferocity on the streets.

— B.K. Sharma in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's oldest cross-country skier at 88

Tokyo: A Japanese athlete broke her own Guinness World Record by participating in the cross-country skiing 2023 Masters World Cup in Austria at age 88. Katsumi Saeki was first named the world's oldest competitive cross-country skier (female) when she competed in last year's Japan Masters Championships at age 87, and she has now surpassed her own world record.

Saeki was the only skier at the Austrian event to enter the over-85 category, but her 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) classic-style time of 26 minutes and 18 seconds was faster than one woman in the 81-85 age category, three women in the 76-80 category and one woman in the 71-75 category.

Saeki then took on the 5-km freestyle event, achieving a time of 29 minutes and 4 seconds, besting the times of two women in the 81-85 category and two women in the 76-80 category.

Man stuffs 14 snakes in pockets to smuggle

Hong Kong: A man tried to smuggle 14 live snakes through a Chinese border by stuffing the reptiles in his pockets.

He was caught at Futian Port, an entrance on the border between mainland China and Hong Kong, in Shenzhen, south-eastern China.

Agents at Huanggang Customs reportedly noticed the man looking nervous and avoiding eye contact with them.

They asked to examine his belongings and ended up finding 14 snakes wrapped up in cotton socks and stockings.

Footage shows the passenger, nervously checking his pockets at the checkpoint.

The clip then cuts to border staff handling the socks with the snakes dropping out. The reptiles were placed inside plastic containers and handed over to authorities.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M. - Consultant - Haematology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Masjid-e-Mubeen fetes SSLC and PUC toppers

Mysuru, Aug. 16- On the occasion of Independence Day, Masjid-e-Mubeen, N.R. Mohalla, had organised a programme to felicitate SSLC and PUC toppers here yesterday.

Prof. Syed Akheel Ahmed, former Vice-Chancellor of Yenepoya University, distributed prizes to the toppers.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Syed Akheel Ahmed said that self-discipline is very much important for students as nowadays they have to be best among others. Only through education, one can achieve in life.

Moulana Mohamed Ismail, Principal, Huda Public School, who also spoke, advised the students to work hard for the development of our nation.

The felicitation programme began with the recitation of holy verses from Quran by Moulana Hafiz o Qari Ajaz Ahmed, Imam of Masjid-e-Mubeen, followed by Naath-e-Shariff by Moulvi Mohamed Aslam, Nazim, Maktab, Masjid-e-Mubeen.

Moulana Ajaz Ahmed, Mohamed Zubair, CEO, Z-Mark Group, Social worker Mumtaz Ahmed, Javeed Geelani, President, Baseer Ahmed Khan, Secretary, Sartaj Ahmed, Joint Secretary of Managing Committee of Masjid e Mubeen, and others were present on the occasion.

Vice-President of the Managing Committee Ibrahim Khaleel proposed a vote of thanks.

Roohulla compered the programme.

REALLY...?

- ***Ants are very social insects and they divide jobs among different types of ants in each colony. The queen or queens have only one job — to lay eggs. All other female ants are workers; they feed the larvae, take out the colony's trash, forage for food and supplies or defend the nest.***
- ***Male ants' only job is to mate with the queen.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

She had only been married a month, when her friend called to see how she was getting on.

We're getting on fine! ***she said.*** *We have a joint account in the bank; it's such fun to pay bills by cheque.*

What do you mean by joint account? asked the friend. Do you put in equal sums?

Oh! I don't put in anything. Tom puts it in and I draw it out!

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.63
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.82

VOICE OF THE READER

Need more flights from Mysuru

Sir,

The lack of flights to major cities like Mumbai and Delhi from Mysuru despite several demands from the public is a concerning issue. One potential solution to address this problem could be to extend the existing smaller flights to these major cities from airports like Hubballi, Hyderabad or Chennai.

Operating these flights for two or three days a week could provide a convenient option for passengers travelling to these cities and also those connecting to international flights.

Additionally, there is a need to consider flights to other important destinations such as Mangaluru, Kochi, Tirupati and Shirdi. Commencing flights to these cities at least twice a week would cater to the demands of the passengers seeking air travel to these specific destinations.

The Kempegowda International Airport is distant from some areas, and despite the presence of an expressway, the travel time can be tiring for passengers.

Providing direct flights to major cities and important destinations from nearby airports would not only reduce travel time but also alleviate the stress associated with long journeys.

— **Kala Chary**
Bogadi
2.8.2023

Guest lecturers' post at CAVA

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (SSM)- The Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Guest Lecturers (both Theory and Practicals) in various Departments on a temporary basis for 2023-24.

Lecturers are required to teach various topics including applied arts, drawing, mold art, photo-journalism, art history, Kannada, English, Hindi, Environmental Studies, Indian Constitution, digital fluency, cyber security / artificial intelligence, health, wellness, yoga, financial education and investment awareness.

Preference will be given to those candidates who have cleared UGC-NET, SLET or having Ph.D. They will be paid an honorarium fixed by Kannada and Culture Department.

Interested may submit applications before Aug. 22. There will be interview for candidates at 11 am on Aug. 24.

For details, visit www. *mysore.nic.in* or *www.cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in* or call College Office on Ph: 0821-2438931, according to a press release from the CAVA Dean.

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Description of Work	Appx Value
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Last date for submission of bids: Up to 11:00 hrs. of 29.08.2023

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1	Execution of balance works under "Provision of two additional loop lines in Belagula yard."	Rs. 28,98,325/-
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3	Special repairs to girder bridges between Hassan-Mangaluru Junction section (including Sakaleshpur - Subramanya Ghat section) under Senior Section Engineer/Br/ Sakaleshpur Jurisdiction for two years.	Rs. 75,17,690/-

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ACCOUNTS MANAGER

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NEWS BRIEFS

NAAC team to visit Sarada Vilas

Sarada Vilas College in Krishnamurthypuram is all set to welcome NAAC Peer Committee on Aug. 17 and 18 for re-accredition in its fourth cycle, according to College Principal Dr. M. Devika.

PG course admission entrance exam

The University of Mysore has set up a portal for facilitating filing of online applications for the Common Admission Test to be conducted by the University for admission to its Post-Graduate courses (2023-24). For details, log on to ***www.uompgadmissions.com***

Animal Adoption

The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Sukeessh Dwarakish – White Tiger (Rs. 2,00,000); Lions Club of Mysore Palace City and Geonet Consultant, Mysuru – Lion (Rs. 2,00,000); K.V. Pownitha, Amith Gowda, Honnenahally, Nagamanagala, Mandya - Elephant (Rs. 3,00,000).

Gets D.Litt degree

Dr. B. Jagadish has been accorded D.Litt, Doctorate degree in Social Work (Faculty of Arts) by Tumkur University for his thesis on the topic 'Perception on COVID-19 by Positive Persons and Stakeholders: A Social Work Perspective for the New Normal'.

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Inflow	:	2,022	cusecs
Outflow	:	6,025	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,858.57	feet
Inflow	:	1,464	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,745	cusecs

KSRP Constables killed as SUV rams into bike

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (RK&KS)- Two Constables attached to Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) were killed on the spot when a Mahindra Thar SUV reportedly rammed into the bike they were riding on Lalitha Mahal Road here on Sunday night.

The deceased Constables are P. Mahesh (26), a resident of Kumbarakoppal in city and Amarnath Talikote (25), a native of Jamakandi taluk in Vijayapura district.

Mahesh and Amarnath, who were serving in the Mysuru unit of KSRP, had their dinner near Siddarthanagar and were proceeding on the Bajaj Pulsar bike towards Mall of Mysore, when the Mahindra Thar SUV, which

Mahesh and Amarnath

came from the opposite direction rammed into the bike near the arch gate on Lalitha Mahal Road.

Due to the impact, the bike was thrown to a distance of about 10 metres. Mahesh and Amarnath, who sustained serious head injuries died on the spot. The Thar driver, identified as Vinay, tried to speed away after ramming into the bike, but the public, who chased the SUV, caught the driver near Alanahalli and handed him over to the Police.

Siddarthanagar Traffic Inspector Yogesh and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and registered a case. Post-mortem was conducted at MMC&RI mortuary on Monday and the bodies were handed over to their family members.

The body of Amarnath was shifted in an ambulance to Jamakandi. KSRP Inspector and two Constables accompanied the body. Amarnath, who joined the Police Department in 2017, was serving as a Constable at KSRP 5th Battalion on Lalitha Mahal Road in city.

Bags Indian Police Medal

V.V. Satheesan

Mysuru, Aug. 16 - V.V. Satheesan, who is currently serving as the Inspector at Railway Protection Force (RPF), Mysuru SWR, has bagged the Indian Police Medal 2023 for his distinguished service.

Satheesan was appointed as the Sub-Inspector in 1996 and had represented RPF in Republic Day parade for four years with excellent track record.

Midnight I-Day event cancelled for want of Police permission

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (DM)- The midnight Independence Day programme planned by Triveni Geleyara Balaga at Triveni Circle on Rajkumar Road in Kalyanagiri, scheduled for late Monday night, was unexpectedly cancelled as the organisers did not obtain prior Police permission for the event.

The Triveni Geleyara Balaga had arranged a devotional songs programme at 7 pm on Monday, followed by flag hoisting by K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa at midnight (12:05 am). However, the Udayagiri Police, having visited the location, instructed the organisers to cancel the event as they had not obtained the necessary permission. Subsequently, the programme was called off.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy expressed his discontent with the Police's intervention. He stated that the Balaga had traditionally celebrated Independence Day at midnight each year, but this time, the Police prevented it.

Swamy speculated that the Police may have acted based on a complaint about the absence of the local MLA's (Tanveer Sait) photo on the banner. He accused the Police of acting under the pressure of ruling party politicians.

Short circuit at new DC Office

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (MK&KS)- Tension prevailed for some time at the new DC Office in Siddarthanagar following a short circuit resulting in a loud bang.

On Monday at about 11 am, a staff at the Treasury Division switched on a switch resulting in short circuit accompanied by a loud sound causing tension among the staff present there. But the officials got the switch board rectified immediately much to the relief to the staff.

Luckily, no one was electrocuted during the incident, said a staff.

Remembering partition: BJP takes out torchlight march

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (MK&DM)- On Monday evening, the BJP took out a silent torchlight march within the city to commemorate 'Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Divas,' marking the partition of the country.

The march, commencing from Chamundeshwari Temple in K.G. Koppal, passed through Jayanagar Main Road, major thoroughfares in Krishnamurthypuram and New Kantharaj Urs Road before concluding at its starting point.

Addressing BJP workers, MLA T.S. Srivatsa explained that the march aimed to enlighten the public about the reasons behind the country's partition and the subsequent violence that occurred after the partition on August 14, 1947.

He stressed that despite opposition from Mahatma Gandhi and RSS-backed organisations, the partition occurred and he expressed the view that the country should not have been divided. The torchlight march sought to educate the current generation about the true history behind the partition. BJP spokesperson M.G. Mahesh also addressed the gathering.

Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, Corporators M.V. Ramprasad, B.V. Manjunath, M.U. Subbaiah, Ramesh, Sowmya Umesh and Pramila Bharath, BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, former MUDA Chairman Yashasvi Somashekar and other leaders such as Somasundar, Vaneesh, Jogi Manju, R. Paramesh Gowda, Vadivelu, Gejjagalli Mahesh, Ajay Shastri, Vikram Iyengar, Sharat Bhandari were also present.

Obituary

P.V. Rangarajan

Mysuru, Aug. 16- P.V. Rangarajan (51), a senior Medical Transcriptionist of the first batch at COMAT, passed away following a massive heart attack at his residence in Bogadi yesterday.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, one son, brother, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

P. Murali

P. Murali (62), son of late Puttarangaiah and a resident of Siddappaji Temple Street in Gandhinagar, passed away on Sunday morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife Manjula, children M. Govardhan (Gagan), M. Harshavardhan, mother Puttamadamma, brothers P. Lakshminarayan & P. Prasanna and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gandhinagar Burial Grounds on Monday.

God Save Devaraja Market

A pathetic view of the North Gate entrance of Devaraja Market covered with asbestos sheets and lying in neglect since the last seven years. The above photo was taken this morning.

(Continued from page 1)

Do they think that they are miracle-makers to conserve these buildings, maybe using the same kind of building materials to make them stand with required strength to put them back into public service?

Now let me focus only on Devaraja Market because it is in the news now. The Karnataka High Court, in its wisdom, quashed the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed against the decision of the MCC (Mysuru City Corporation) to demolish the whole building and reconstruct. The MCC wanted to maintain the existing architectural design thereby conserving the physical appearance of the 137-year-old Devaraja Market as it looked when it was built in 1886.

This was good news for all Mysureans, who loved their lives more than the original mud, brick and lime mortar market building. Be sure, those who advocate and hold brief to restore the Devaraja Market with expert knowledge of conservationist will never ever be its occupants as vegetable vendors or shop-keepers or who will leave their footprints there for whatsoever reason, once their work of consultancy for heritage conservancy is over and fee collected. Therefore, they will have no risk whatsoever but the same cannot be said of lakhs of people who will be visiting Devaraja Market.

Already a part of the Devaraja Market has collapsed and despite efforts on the part of MCC, it could not be rebuilt or restored except, according to reports, a substantial sum was paid towards consultancy. Whose money it was anyway!

Of course, in our legal system there is always an opportunity to go to the higher Court by the loser. According to reports, though the High Court has quashed the PIL filed against the decision of the MCC, the petitioners of the PIL have decided to go to the Supreme Court.

That means further delay in the matter of deciding the fate and future of Devaraja Market for some more time or many more years. Therefore, Mysureans need not be surprised if the Devaraja Market building gets natural justice which naturally will be bad news.

In the midst of all these, the citizens of our city had a disappointing news from Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), the only active NGO and considered pragmatic in its approach to various public causes. In its meeting held on Aug. 13, 2023, it decided to exert pressure on the State Government to save the structure of Devaraja Market! A case of beating a dead horse!!

Apparently, MGP was against the plan of MCC to demolish and reconstruct Devaraja Market. One wonders whether they are more worried about potential loss of a heritage building and less worried about the possible loss of living human beings.

MGP should have also considered that in a Welfare State and in a Democracy, **Devaraja Market is not just an ornamental building with heritage value for the tourists to look at and recall the history of the Maharajas, ignoring its (Market's) need and usefulness with safety and security to those who use the Market on a daily basis.**

It is said that there are two kinds of monuments with regard to heritage buildings, whether they are Palaces or places of worship or even public buildings. Where the building is put to use for the purpose for which it was built it is called a **living monument.** Where such heritage building is maintained in its original form and structure, maintaining it with care and repairs regularly, where only tourists and visitors in small numbers and in a regulated manner, like it is in Qutub Minar in Delhi (some years back and could be now also) and at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy and even in cases of some caves, it is known as **dead monuments.**

All things considered, my personal opinion, that would surely make the people who filed the PIL and also the MGP happy, is to declare the Devaraja Market as a dead monument, conserve it as a heritage building and open it only to the tourists as I mentioned above.

This will also help de-congest the already overcrowded downtown area of our city with people and vehicular traffic. It will thus reduce the emission of carbon monoxide from thousands of vehicles in that area making the 3.67-acre Devaraja Market area as a lung space.

To me, it looks like a dilemma faced by the Government in resolving the problem of man-animal conflict in the agricultural sector. All aspects of the problems considered, there is a lesson for the present rulers and those who construct public buildings like museums, public halls or places of worship. The lesson is that if they want these buildings to remain as heritage buildings even after centuries of their existence, all that they need to do is to maintain these buildings periodically and attend to the repair works related to the structure, water supply, electricity and UGD without fail.

Probably because of these reasons, we could see in countries like China, Russia, England and in Europe, many heritage buildings, not just 137-year-old ones like our Devaraja Market, but of more than 300 to 400 years old. For example, Westminster Abbey in London is 754 years old, Louvre Museum in Paris is 230 years old, The Leaning Tower of Pisa is 850 years old and Buckingham Palace is 320 years old.

Our Mysore Palace is 111 years old and is already needing heavy repairs and maintenance. As we know, the public Durbar Hall facing the courtyard has already become weak in structure so much so when Mr. Chiranjiv Singh was the Director of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had advised the Dasara authorities not to hold the famous Palace music concerts, open to the public at this Hall. Here whom do we blame? The sub-standard construction, the poor maintenance or the age of the building? You be the judge. But let not the judgement come from the heart but let it come from the head.

And finally, in response to a report published in *Star of Mysore*, this writer had published a letter to the editor on July 4, 2022, which read as follows:

Sir,

In yesterday's ***Star of Mysore*** *(3.7.2022), a news item titled 'Two buildings to be originally renovated', with a suggestion that on similar lines, Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building can also be renovated, was published.*

However, it must be remembered that Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building are constructed architecturally in a totally different manner using different materials.

Therefore, they are beyond renovation and they can only be demolished and reconstructed keeping the original architectural design and using modern construction materials like steel and cement.

— K.B. Ganapathy,
Senior journalist
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Vikram Muthanna

A Gentleman from Mysore

EPITOME OF HARD WORK: ***T.S. Satyan seen resting after personally aligning his photos for an exhibition in Mysore some years ago. He could have called anybody to help him but being the perfectionist he was, he wanted to do it himself even at his ripe age.***

To commemorate the birth centenary of the legendary photographer of India T.S. Satyan, who hailed from Mysuru and during his last days lived and died in Mysuru, the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP), Bengaluru, opened an exhibition of some of his great works on Aug. 12, 2023.

T.S. Satyan was very closely associated with *Star of Mysore* and its Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy and later his son Vikram Muthanna, the Managing Editor of *SOM*. This is the excerpt from the article Vikram Muthanna wrote as a tribute to T.S. Satyan, who passed away on Dec. 13, 2009 and was published in *SOM* on Dec. 19, 2009. — Editor

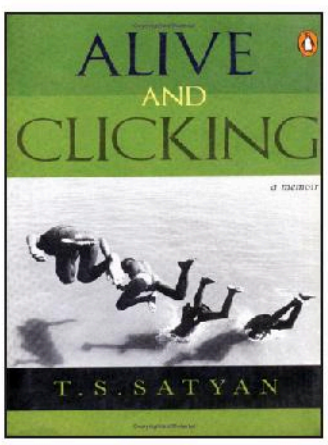
We have lost one more jewel in the intellectual crown of our city. T.S. Satyan passed away on Dec. 13. Satyan was amongst the first photo-journalists of our country. Earlier, in the Indian newspaper industry, there was no job titled 'photo-journalist,' instead there was a photographer who took pictures and a journalist who would then use it to embellish his article or give it a caption; the photograph was just an afterthought. But Satyan was one of the earliest photographers who enhanced his photographs with beautiful prose. The speciality of Satyan was that he was as creative with a pen as he was behind his lens. As one writer put it, "he was the perfect 'two-in-one', any editor's dream come true." In fact, the first news editor of *Deccan Herald* Eric V. Scott wrote this of Satyan, "A photographer who can also wield a pen is a rarity. T.S. Satyan is just that."

I knew Satyan since a very young age and the first time I saw him taking pictures, I noticed he was the only photographer I had met who never told his subject to "smile please." He was simply capturing the moment, in the, "as is where is" format. In fact, he once photographed me and my "sharp Coorgi nose" as he put it but I couldn't stop smiling at the over-enthusiasm of this old man and he is till date the only photographer to have told me to "stop smiling" before clicking my picture.

What I remember most of him is discipline. He was very meticulous in his work and a stickler to time. Ask anyone who knows him and they will tell you he was 'old school' — hard work, perfection and punctuality. He said of his craft "Great pictures are made. Not taken. A sensitive photographer helps us 'see' what the eye has noticed but the mind has not absorbed" and to do this he put in a lot of hard work. He did not take his talent for granted. To me he was a man who lived a principled life wrapped in hard work, drenched in talent and embellished with a very creative pen.

Earlier this year, I had written a posthumous article on the legendary Professor G.T. Narayana Rao. Mr. Satyan called that evening after reading that article to appreciate it and jokingly asked if I would write one about him after he died as I knew him also since a very young age. I laughed and didn't think more about it. **Three weeks ago at a party, he grabbed me by my arm and said, "I know you didn't take me seriously when I asked if you would write a posthumous piece on me, but if at all you do, I'd prefer the headline to be — A gentleman from Mysore" and added that we must meet for a drink and chat the following week.**

The procrastinator that I am, I never made it for that drink, a drink that would have left me a little more enriched. I am now feeling guilty for not having honoured the words of a man, the kind of which I have rarely met in the media business. All the same, I feel privileged to have grown up knowing this legendary gentleman from Mysore and honoured for being photographed by him.



Anyone interested in knowing about the incidents that shaped this nation must read Satyan's book *Alive and Clicking*. Donald S. Connery, an old friend of Satyan said, "T.S. Satyan may well be India's most durable and credible eye-witness to history." It is true.

A photo of a dance by Kodava warriors taken by T.S. Satyan.

Satyan, an untrained photographer who rose to the pinnacle of perfection in his craft, a much sought-after photo-journalist who could have settled down in the comfortable arms of the west, came back to Mysore, to his home town. In fact, he loved Mysore and credited the city for his talent. Once when asked "how he got an eye for photography?" he said, "I didn't get it. It was gifted to me by my place of birth, Mysore" — a city, he said, so beautiful that it excited his visual senses.

The last man from the golden era of Mysore will be missed.

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Remembering T.S. Satyan

Nagendra Satyan, son of T.S. Satyan; Arnika Ahldag (Head of Exhibitions, MAP); Abhishek Poddar (Founder, MAP) and others seen at the inauguration of T.S. Satyan's photography expo at MAP in Bengaluru on Aug. 12.

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The Head of Exhibitions at MAP Arnika Ahldag, who addressed the small gathering said, "I am deeply moved by T.S. Satyan's photographs and how compassionate he was as a photographer. His images are full of life and love and he looks for those brief moments of joy in the chaos of hardships. Somehow, he always manages to show us something that we don't expect to see."

Welcoming the invitees, the Director of MAP Kamini Sawhney said, "T.S. Satyan's photographs breathe life into the fleeting moments, capturing the delicate nuances of human connection and vulnerability. Known as a photo-journalist and to celebrate his centenary, this exhibition explores a different side of Satyan — that of a photographer with a unique view and authorship." **—Editor**

Special revision of voter list to conclude on Aug. 21

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BCT)- The exercise to revise the voter list for the year 2024 (special brief revision) has begun and will go on till Aug. 21. Polling station-level officers are visiting door to door for correction, addition and deletion of the names of voters.

Officers from the Mysuru District Administration said that the process was started following directions by the Election Commission of India with regard to the revision of voters' list. They appealed to political parties to deploy agents to coordinate with officials.

Officials have been instructed to ensure there are no shortcomings in the special brief revision of the voter list and addition, deletion and correction of names is carried out without errors.

Polling station-level officers will visit houses to revise data like adding, correcting and removing names of voters through the BLO (Booth Level Officer) software. Training has already been given to BLOs regarding the special brief revision of the electoral roll. Officials were instructed to depute more BLOs wherever there is a shortage of such officers.

Information on deceased voters and those who have shifted should be entered correctly and applications for new registration (Form 6) and correction (Form 8) have to be submitted. Details of eligible individuals who are completing 18 years within the year, i.e., on April 1, 2023, July 1, 2023, Oct. 1, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024, will also be collected.

Details of all members residing in the current household, including those within the age of 18 years and those who are not included in the voter list, will be collected. Special attention will be given to providing information about eligible voters who are deceased or have relocated.

To ensure accuracy, the names of eligible voters who are completing 18 years up to the date determined by the Karnataka State Election Commission are being added to the current voter list. Residents can avail themselves of the online application process through the respective Constituency's ERO (Electoral Registration Officer) or AERO (Assistant Electoral Registration Officer) offices, Mysuru City Corporation, taluk offices and taluk panchayats for submitting applications for name inclusion or correction.

Priority will be accorded to the online application process — Voter Helpline Application, NVSP Website. The information from these applications will be useful if there is a need for any specific information.

The details of the appointed BLOs for each ward in the voter list, Form-6 inclusion, Form-6A Non-Resident Indians' registration, Form-7 deletion (death, relocation), Form-8 voter details (name, address, photo), Form-9 transfer from one Assembly Constituency to another and the instructions for the differently-abled voters will be available on the official website of the Election Commission of Mysuru district at *https://mysorecity.mrc.gov.in.*

Ganesha Festival: KMF announces 20% discount on 'Nandini' brand sweets

MyMUL launches 'Sweet Festival' from Aug. 15 to Sept. 20

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (DM)- With Gowri-Ganesha festival just a month away, the KMF (Karnataka Milk Federation) and MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Limited) on Tuesday announced a month-long 20 percent discount on prices of its popular 'Nandini' brand sweet products.

Speaking after launching the 'Nandini' Sweet Festival at the Nandini Milk Galaxy opposite the Mega Dairy at Alanahalli here on Aug. 15 marking Independence Day, MyMUL President P.M. Prasanna said with a series of festivals and celebrations such as Independence Day, Gowri-Ganesha, Varamahalakshmi etc., lined up, MyMUL has organised Nandini Sweets Festival from Aug. 15 to Sept. 20. During this period, there will be a 20 percent discount on the price of Nandini sweet products in all Nandini outlets.

Pointing out that MyMUL will appeal KMF to give special discount on Nandini sweet products during Dasara as well, Prasanna said that MyMUL has plans to organise a similar festival in December and January marking Sankranti festival.

He said that KMF has stepped up production of Nandini sweet products and more than hundred brands have hit the markets, out of which 40 are exclusive sweet products. Nandini products are in great demand in the market, he claimed.

Panache showcases Fashion & Design

A two-day fashion and designer expo-cum-sale, organised by Panache, began this morning at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba road in city. Seen in the picture are (from left) Pooja from Simran Collection, Isha from Lilly, Deepti from Jewellery Project, Nishat Mohsin and Misba Umrean, the Organisors of Panache expo, Chetana from Chemisier and Ruchi from Style Aura. Panache's festive edit will be open for public today and tomorrow between 11 am and 8.30 pm.

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District Minister unveils slew of plans for Mysuru on I-Day

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inspecting the Independence Day Parade in Bannimantap yesterday.

Students performing a patriotic dance at Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (MTY&BS)- Social Welfare and District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa highlighted the State Government's comprehensive plans to address the evolving needs of Mysuru city's growth while preserving and conserving the unique products that bear the Mysuru name and remain in demand.

During the 77th Independence Day celebrations organised by the District Administration at Torchlight Parade Grounds, Bannimantap, Dr. Mahadevappa, who unfurled the national flag, addressed the audience.

Independence Day 2023: 76th or 77th? India celebrated its 77th Independence Day in 2023, according to the Press Information Bureau. However, this year is considered the 76th anniversary of Indian Independence as the first anniversary was marked a year after the actual year, which is 1948.

Peripheral Ring Road

Dr. Mahadevappa mentioned the plan for a 73.25-km Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to address the city's growing population, traffic, and vehicle density, in addition to the existing Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The proposed PRR will include commercial clusters such as heritage living and sports village, pharmaceutical clusters, garments and apparels clusters, IT and BT clusters, educational and health clusters, and hardware and software clusters. Preparations are underway to create a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the PRR, Dr. Mahadevappa added.

With Mysuru being the State's second-largest city, located 140 km from Bengaluru, the capital city, the city sprawls over 509 square km with a population of 9.2 lakh as per the 2011 population census. The city's stature as a Heritage City and tourist destination draws 30 to 35 lakh tourists, domestic and foreign, annually.

Industrial estates, including major players like Infosys, Wipro, and Asian Paints, surround the city, leading to increased traffic both within and outside the city. The upcoming semiconductor hub near Nanjangud is expected to further add to the traffic density, he said.

Grade Separators are planned at key ORR junctions, involving underpasses or overpasses, with a budget allocation of Rs. 2.15 crore for DPR preparation in the 2023-24 budget. A consultant has been hired for creating the DPR.

Dr. Mahadevappa also highlighted Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's recent announcements in the State budget for Mysuru, including plans to boost production, research, marketing, and branding for Mysore Mallige (Jasmine), Nanjangud Rasabale, and Mysore Vilyadele (betel leaf), which have Geographical Indicator (GI) tags. Other city plans include the creation of an international-level Karnataka Archaeology Museum and Art Gallery near Chamundi Vihar Stadium, capacity development of wild animal rehabilitation centres in Mysuru and Bannerghatta, and comprehensive development of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Film City in Mysuru through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP).

Regarding pre-poll guarantees, Dr. Mahadevappa discussed initiatives like the Shakti scheme, Anna Bhagya, Gruha Jyothi and Gruha Lakshmi scheme, aimed at women's empowerment, providing rice for BPL cardholders, and offering electricity benefits to households. Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, MLA Tanveer Sait, MLCs Marithibbegowda and C.N. Manjegowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, SP Seema Latkar and other officers were present at the event.

Felicitation: District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa outlined the achievements and plans of 14 Government departments pertaining to Mysuru district, ranging from agriculture to tourism. During the Independence Day event, silver medals, cash prizes and certificates were awarded to 58 KSRTC drivers for their accident-free driving and disciplined service.

Four freedom fighters and wives of freedom fighters were also felicitated.

Dr. Mahadevappa feels uneasy, recovers in a jiffy

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (MTY, RK &BS)- Anxiety gripped the scene momentarily as District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa experienced a bout of uneasiness due to the sultry weather during the Independence Day celebrations organised by the District Administration at Torchlight Parade Grounds in city yesterday.

Dr. Mahadevappa, who was delivering the Independence Day address after hoisting the tricolour and receiving a guard of honour, displayed signs of discomfort by gripping the podium table tightly with his fists.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K. V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, SP Seema Latkar and Mayor Shivakumar, who were flanking him, promptly rushed to his aid. They helped him to a chair and offered him a glass of water.

The Minister, aged 70, might have experienced uneasiness primarily due to the combination of humid weather and the long coat he was wearing. The long coat hindered air circulation to his body, sources close to the Minister said.

After a brief interlude, Dr. Mahadevappa regained his composure, returned to the podium, and proceeded to felicitate the freedom fighters. Addressing the media later, Mahadevappa assured, "I am fine and experienced discomfort for a while due to the sultry weather conditions."

Teams steal the show with attractive march past

City Armed Reserve, NCC (Army wing), Police Public School bag top places

Mysuru, Aug.16 (MTY&BS) - A vibrant march past was showcased by several units, including the City and District Police, National Cadet Corps (NCC), Scouts and Guides, Bharat Seva Dal, Police Band, Fire and Emergency Services, Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), City Armed Reserve (CAR), Excise Department and various educational institutions, during the Independence Day celebrations at the Torchlight Parade Grounds in city yesterday.

In the armed platoon category, City Armed Reserve (CAR) secured the first prize, followed by the KSRP first platoon taking the second prize and the City Civil Platoon claiming the third prize.

In the unarmed category, the NCC (Army Wing) was awarded the first prize, the Excise Department received the second prize, and the Fire and Emergency Services secured the third prize.

In the school division, the girls' and boys' teams from the Police Public School clinched the first and second prizes respectively, while the boys from Bharat Seva Dal received the third prize. To add to the festivities, school and college students from various educational institutions enthralled the audience with colourful cultural performances.

Independence Day was celebrated at Kuvempu Park in Gokulam 2nd Stage under the auspices of Gokulam Nagarika Abhivruddhi Sangha. Corporator Bhagya Madesh, who was the chief guest, hoisted the National Flag. Sangha President Ramesh, Secretary Venkatesh, office-bearers and residents are seen.

Rs. 897 crore freight revenue earned in 2023

DRM of SWR highlights Mysuru Division's stellar achievements in I-Day address

DRM Shilpi Agarwal inspecting Independence Day Parade at Railway Sports Grounds yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BCT)- The Mysuru Division of the South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated Independence Day at the Railway Sports Ground with great enthusiasm. This event marked the culmination of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, aimed at propelling India into a developed nation by 2047.

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shilpi Agarwal unfurled the Tricolour amidst resounding applause from officials, families, scouts, guides and students. She extended warm Independence Day wishes and highlighted the Division's achievements, securing the top position in Key Performance Indices and receiving recognition for excellence during 'Swachhta Pakhwada 2022'.

The Division's steadfast commitment to operational safety was evident through safety seminars for supervisors, innovative online initiatives and SMS-based campaigns. The importance of disaster-readiness was emphasised through a comprehensive mock drill that involved various organisations — NDRF, SDRF, Karnataka Fire and Emergency Services and the State Police — coupled with recognition for exceptional safety dedication.

Infrastructure enhancement

Infrastructure enhancement remained a priority, showcased by electrification (The division achieved the highest-ever electrification of 474 route kilometres in a single year) and doubling of the main railway line, along with the inauguration of the second Vande Bharat Express. Passenger security remained a paramount concern, resulting in the successful return of abandoned luggage and effective execution of rescue operations, she said.

Over 132 abandoned luggage cases worth over Rs. 35.34 lakh were returned to rightful owners. Rescue operations under 'Operation Nanhe Farishte' and 'Operation Night Hawk' further underscored the Division's dedication to passenger safety.

Punctuality soared to an impressive 96 percent, while upgrades to accommodations and robust freight loading led to significant revenue growth. Environmental sustainability efforts were visible through initiatives such as electric traction adoption, the introduction of on-board housekeeping services, tree plantation drives, and the prestigious 'Eat Right Station' certification.

Impressive growth

The Division's accomplishments in freight loading and revenue generation have shown remarkable progress. In the financial year 2023, a record 9.5 million tonnes of freight were loaded, earning Rs. 897 crore, she said.

The ongoing fiscal year also witnessed significant growth, with 3.113 million tonnes of freight loaded, yielding earnings of Rs. 323.79 crore, a notable increase compared to the figures from the corresponding period last year. Passenger numbers rose to 19.87 million, a remarkable 34.35 percent increase over the previous year. The Division actively engaged with the community, participating in events like International Yoga Day, organising essay competitions, health camps, and offering training programmes for the youth. The DRM extended her gratitude to Trade Unions, Associations, and recognised groups for their valuable collaboration. She underscored the pivotal roles played by officers, supervisors, and staff in driving the Division's progress.

The Mysuru Division remains committed to delivering safe and efficient railway services, with a renewed focus on safety, infrastructure development, passenger comfort, and environmental sustainability. These concerted efforts aim to surpass previous performance milestones and further elevate the Division's standing, she added.

The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd. celebrated Independence Day in the premises of its Main Branch on New Sayyaji Rao Road yesterday. Bank President Dr. Abdul Ravoof unfurled the Tricolour. Vice-President Ahmed Saleem Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer Raffath Zareen, Directors and staff of the Bank were present.

Rowing Boat Simulator launched by Mysuru NCC

Hon. Treasurer of Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), Mysuru, Shreeshaila Ramannavar, Hon. President Gundappa Gowda, Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Deputy Director General of NCC, Karnataka and Goa, Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar, VSM, NCC Group Commander Col. R.R. Menon, VVCE Principal Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda and Commanding Officer of 3 Kar Naval Unit NCC, Mysuru, Lt. CDR. N.R. Ravi, seen with the cadets during the launch of Rowing Boat Simulator.

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BCT)- The Mysuru Unit of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) has taken a significant stride towards providing cadets with comprehensive exposure by unveiling a cutting-edge Rowing Boat Simulator, a pioneering addition to the region.

The inauguration of this simulator took place recently at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), in the presence of Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar, VSM, Deputy Director General of the National Cadet Corps (DDG NCC) for Karnataka & Goa.

The Rowing Boat Simulator stands as an innovative tool designed to streamline training in timing, adjustment and directional control of the dynamic forces involved in rowing. It gauges the cadets' capabilities and digitally monitors their engagement, workout intensity and strength progress during the simulation.

Spanning 20 feet in length and 4 feet in width, this simulator is poised to revolutionise training methods for naval cadets, significantly boosting their endurance — critical for boat-pulling activities.

During the launch event, Air Commodore Kanwar underscored the significance of sports in character development and leadership training. He encouraged cadets to participate in sports and extracurricular endeavours to cultivate a well-rounded personality. The occasion witnessed vibrant interactions between the DDG NCC and the cadets, who eagerly embraced this new enhancement to their college's facilities.

Gundappa Gowda, Honorary President of VVS Mysuru, presided. The event was attended by P. Vishwanath, Honorary Secretary of VVS Mysuru, Col. R.R. Menon, NCC Group Commander, Mysuru, Shreeshaila Ramannavar, Honorary Treasurer of VVS Mysuru, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal of VVCE Mysuru and Lt. CDR. N.R. Ravi, Commanding Officer of the 3 Kar Naval Unit NCC Mysuru.

The Rowing Boat Simulator signifies a significant leap forward in NCC's dedication to nurturing teamwork and rowing proficiency among the cadets, thus ensuring their holistic development.

Thumbing a lift around the world

French youth hitch-hiking his way across the globe passes through city

Mysuru, Aug. 16 (BLU&BCT)- The most economical way to travel involves standing with your thumb out and politely asking for rides from passing drivers. If luck is on your side, someone might offer you a lift to your destination, either partially or entirely.

Lucas Vennar, a 23-year-old French traveller, challenges conventional travel norms with his distinctive journey across continents, relying solely on hitch-hiking.

Lucas Vennar

A bold adventurer, Lucas has captured global attention by accomplishing an extraordinary voyage spanning over 20,000 kilometres across various continents. His remarkable feat entails journeying through numerous countries, from Africa to Asia, armed only with his thumb and an adventurous spirit.

Over the past seven months, Lucas Vennar embarked on an unconventional exploration, eschewing planes, trains and buses, instead relying on the kindness of strangers to hitch rides through a diverse array of countries.

Starting his expedition on February 4, 2023, from his hometown of Liverdun, France, Lucas has set a new standard for global travel. His journey has taken him through a rich tapestry of landscapes, cultures and terrains. He's crossed borders, traversed bustling cities and explored remote regions, all accompanied by a backpack, a determination to explore and a passion for experiencing the world on his own terms.

This 23-year-old traveller's voyage is about more than just covering distances. It's a testament to the spirit of adventure and human connection. His story serves as a reminder that in an era of technological advancements and instantaneous travel options, the simple act of placing trust in strangers and exchanging stories can still create unforgettable memories.

With a passport in hand, he applies for visas when planning to visit specific countries. Instead of aeroplanes, he prefers travelling by ship, engaging with ship captains to explain his unique adventure and secure free passage.

Language of hospitality and kindness

Throughout his journey, Lucas Vennar's interactions with the people he encounters have provided him insights into diverse cultures, bridging gaps between nations through the universal language of hospitality and kindness. His travel narrative showcases that the world can be both expansive and intimate, simultaneously.

He has traversed in almost 500 vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, tanks and even horseback. He sailed across the Mediterranean Sea from Italy to Albania and the Caspian Sea from Azerbaijan to Kazakhstan. So far, he has journeyed through France, Italy, Vatican City, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Pakistan.

Currently exploring India, Lucas has covered a diverse range of landscapes and cities. From the northern regions of Kashmir to the south, his journey has offered him a comprehensive view of India's rich cultural tapestry.

As a Mechanical Engineer by profession, he arrived in Mysuru on Aug. 14 from Bengaluru, with some individuals offering him rides to the KRS Dam. Lucas books hotel rooms only when necessary and unsafe to stay in public places. He utilises public facilities for his needs and spends money on food, although he often receives food and lodging from his followers.

India experience

Lucas finds hitch-hiking in India to be exhilarating, often waiting no more than five minutes for a ride. He praises the friendliness, helpfulness and warmth of the people he has encountered. He usually stays with local residents overnight and sometimes receives invitations for dinner and lodging, while other times he spends the night in a tent.

His next destination is Switzerland and he aims to complete his journey by hitch-hiking his way to this European country. As he continues his expedition, Lucas serves as an inspiration to fellow travellers and dreamers, reminding them that the journey itself often holds more enrichment than the destination.

His adventure unfolds step by step, one hitch-hiked ride at a time, inviting the world to join him and be a part of his extraordinary journey. With each stride he takes and every person he meets, Lucas demonstrates that the essence of travel lies not solely in the distance covered, but in the stories exchanged and the connections forged along the way.

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Achar & Co (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Baby (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Jailer (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm
Gadar 2 (H)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 10.10 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Jailer (Ta)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 3.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 7.10 pm, 10.25 pm
OMG 2 (H)	(S-3)	7.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-4)	4.00 pm

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Bhola Shankar (Te)	:	10 am, 6.35 pm, 9.35 pm
Jailer (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Jailer (K)	:	4.15 pm
Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)	:	10 am
Gadar 2: Katha continues (H)	:	12 noon, 3.10 pm, 6.20 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	:	12.40 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	1.10 pm, 3.50 pm
OMG 2 (H)	:	3.55 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm

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Jailer (Ta)	:	8.35 am, 11.40 am, 3.40 pm
		6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhola Shankar (Te)	:	9.05 am, 12.30, 2.55 pm, 6.20 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	9.20 am, 6.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11 am
Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)	:	11.55 am
Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	:	12.05 pm, 3.10, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E)	:	12.50 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	3.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Aachar & Co (K)	:	3.55 pm
Oppenheimer (E)	:	6.35 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	:	9.45 pm

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Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	:	8.10 am, 3.25 pm, 6.35, 9.45 pm
Jailer (Ta)	:	8.25 am, 11.55 am, 3.05 pm
		7 pm, 10.10 pm
OMG 2 (H)	:	8.25 am, 11.45 am, 3 pm, 10.30 pm
Bhola Shankar (Te)	:	11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	6.20 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	6.35 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 16)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** 'Vastra Utsav - 2023,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Gruhashobe:** Monsoon Shopping Festival, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Geetha Jnaana Yagna, Chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaama Stotram, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on "Srimad Bhagavad Gita's 4th Chapter *Jnana Yoga*" by Swami Gahanananda ji, Sri Gurudeva Datta Sannidhi, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana Pravachana Yajna' as part of Adhika Masa, discourse on 'Yuddhakanda' by Vid. Srinivasacharya Korlahalli, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata and Ramayana discourse, **5 pm;** Cultural Festival, Karnatak Classical Music by **Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna,** Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 17)

- **Rotary Mysore, Rotary Mysore South East, Rotary Vijayanagar, Blood on Call Club and GSS Yoga:** Mega Blood Donation Drive as part of 76th Independence Day celebrations, Infosys, **8 am to 2 pm.** [Mob: 98452-72343 or 99804-11288 or 99008-32288]
- **Mysore HR Forum, Mysuru, GSSS Institute of Engineering & Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, KATKHI Industrial Association, Nanjangud and Karnataka TPO Forum, Mysuru:** One-day conference on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH),' Nazia Sultana, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Department of Labour, Mysuru, chief guest and delivers keynote address; Shrinivas Katti, General Manager - HR & IR, N. Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, George Victor Pinto, Hon. Secretary, KATKHI Industrial Association, Nanjangud and Managing Partner, Premiere Illuminations, Nanjangud, guests of honour; Vasantkumar N. Hittanagi, retd. Joint Labour Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, will be the Resource Expert; Joshy Basil, General Manager - HR & Admin, Rishi FIBC Solutions, Nanjangud, M.N. Deepa Prasad, Director - HR, ArisGlobal Software, Mysuru, Anita Balasubramanyam, Head - Associate Relations, Carelon Global Solutions, Bengaluru, Col. S. Ravi (retd.), POSH & POCSO Consultant, Mysuru, S. Hemalatha, Head - EdinCSR, Edin Bridge Foundation, Mysuru, Dr. R.H. Ashwini, Assistant Professor, Department of MBA, GSSSIETW, Mysuru and A.W. Haris, HR Advisor, Excelsoft Technologies, Mysuru, will be the Distinguished Speakers, M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall, GSSSIETW premises, Metagalli, **9 am.**
- **Sri Basaveshwara Centre for Social Change, Research and Extension, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri:** Basava Jayanti and 'Shoonya Sampadanegalu' day-long seminar, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji inaugurates, University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar V.R. Shylaja will be present, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda chief guest, Hampi Kannada University retd. Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. A. Murigeppa delivers speech, KIKS Director Prof. Vijayakumari S. Karikal presides, Sri Basaveshwara Centre Visiting Professor Chandrashekar delivers talk, **10.30 am;** Session-1, **12 noon;** Session-2, **2.30 pm;** Valedictory, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat-Bengaluru President Apparao Akkoni delivers valedictory address, new building of Sri Basaveshwara Centre, **10.30 am.**
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- **Eyegear Optics India Pvt Ltd and MRC Charitable Trust:** Inauguration of Optical Store 'ben franklin', Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt graces the occasion, K.V. Prabhakar, CM's Media Advisor, guest of honour, P. S. Gouri Shankar, Director, Business Development, 'ben franklin', presides, MRC Eye Hospital premises, Siddarthanagar, **3 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse and cultural programmes, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837]
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Discourse by Swami Mahamedhanandaji, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
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- **Ganabharathi and Vidu. Nandini Eswer's Raasavrunda:** Dr. K. Rama Shastry and Guru Valmiki Banerjee Memorial Programme, Karnatak Classical Music by renowned musician **Vid. S.R. Vinay,** accompanied by Vid. C.V. Shruthi on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Bharatanatyam recital by Naada Narthana School of Dance and Music, Bengaluru [Choreography and direction is by **Vidu. Radhika Iyengar**], performing artistes are S. Keerthana, D. Indhushree, Pooja D. Kestur, Samhita Avadhanam, S. Deekshitha, S. Keerthana, Adhira Nair, Saesha Roa, Vidhesha Bhat and Kushi Bhat; Vid. Nityashree Shetty comperes, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

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	(S-2)	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Bhola Shankar (Te)	(S-2)	9 am, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Aachar & Co (K)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	(S-3)	9.10 am
	(S-4)	1.50 pm, 6.05 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	5.25 pm
Jailer (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm

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OMG 2 (H)	:	8.35 am, 10.20 pm
Jailer (K)	:	11.55 am
Jailer (Ta)	:	7 pm
Bhola Shankar (Te)	:	12.05 pm, 3.25 pm
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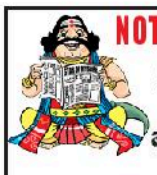
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